

at 15455 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, as the "Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building".

H.R. 3247. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Town and Country Commons in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building".

H.R. 3248. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 South 5th Street in Saint Charles, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building".

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

At 2:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4097. An act to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1302. An act to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Tracy, California, to the City of Tracy.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 105. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha.

H. Con. Res. 106. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

H. Con. Res. 117. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

H. Con. Res. 118. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

#### MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following concurrent resolution was discharged from the Committee on the Budget pursuant to Section 300 of the Congressional Budget Act, and placed on the calendar:

S. Con. Res. 44. A concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2014 through 2022.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2050. An act to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2240. An act to authorize the exchange of land or interest in land between Lowell National Historical Park and the city of Lowell in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4628. An act to extend student loan interest rates for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans.

H.R. 4849. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue commercial use authorizations to commercial stock operators for operations in designated wilderness within the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5959. A communication from the Deputy Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Specification for 15kV and 25kV Primary Underground Power Cable" (7 CFR Part 1728) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5960. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D Airspace; Cocoa Beach, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0099)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5961. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Columbia, SC" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1196)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5962. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Area Navigation (RNAV) Routes; Seattle, WA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1358)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5963. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Value Engineering" (RIN2125-AF40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5964. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to certifications granted in relation to the incidental capture of sea turtles in commercial shrimping operations; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5965. A communication from the Executive Director, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's 2011 Annual Report to the President and Congress; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5966. A communication from the Regulatory Ombudsman, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Agency Rules of Practice" (RIN2126-AB38) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5967. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company (GE) Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2006-25738)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5968. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Mooney Aviation Company, Inc. (Mooney) Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0275)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5969. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0272)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5970. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd and Co KG Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0288)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5971. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0273)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5972. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1225)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5973. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1224)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5974. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. Helicopters” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0355)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5975. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; DG Flugzeugbau GmbH Sailplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1342)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5976. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney Division Turbofan Engines” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1194)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5977. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney (PW) Turbofan Engines” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1176)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5978. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1090)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5979. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1414)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5980. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2007-27223)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5981. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-1324)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5982. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Adminis-

tration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0913)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5983. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Helicopters” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1113)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5984. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0025)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5985. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Lockheed Martin Corporation/Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2007-0109)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5986. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Model BD-100-1A10 (Challenger 300) Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1064)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5987. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2009-0908)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5988. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1060)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5989. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0858)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5990. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Lockheed Martin Corporation/Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0723)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5991. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0296)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5992. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0331)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5993. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0303)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5994. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Railroad Workplace Safety; Adjacent-Track On-Track Safety for Roadway Workers” ((RIN2130-AB96) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5995. A communication from the Principal Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Supplemental Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection” ((RIN3209-AA15) (Docket No. CFPB-2012-0016)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 27, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5996. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Trading and Markets, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Further Definition of ‘Swap Dealer,’ ‘Security-Based Swap Dealer,’ ‘Major Swap Participant,’ ‘Major Security-Based Swap Participant’ and ‘Eligible Contract Participant’” ((RIN3235-AK65)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 27, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5997. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pennsylvania Regulatory Program” (Docket No. PA-155-FOR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 27, 2012; to the

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5998. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Iowa Regulatory Program" (Docket No. IA-016-FOR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 27, 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5999. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oklahoma Regulatory Program" (Docket No. OK-033-FOR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 27, 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6000. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the authorization of the Minnesota River, Marsh Lake Ecosystem Restoration project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6001. A communication from the Senior Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Departmental Offices, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application, Review, and Reporting Process for Waivers for State Innovation" (RIN1505-AC30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6002. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of the Government of Cuba's compliance with the United States-Cuba September 1994 "Joint Communique" and on the treatment of persons returned to Cuba in accordance with the United States-Cuba May 1995 "Joint Statement"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6003. A communication from the Acting Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 27, 2012; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-87. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging Congress to reconsider the recommendations of the 2012 United States Air Force Structure Change Report and to deliver no fewer than four C-27J aircraft to the 110th Airlift Wing of the Air National Guard as previously committed; to the Committee on Armed Services.

### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 215

Whereas, The Michigan Air National Guard, being the air force militia of the state, has a long and proud history with the state of Michigan and the city of Battle Creek; and

Whereas, The Battle Creek Air National Guard Base is currently home to the 110th Airlift Wing of the Air National Guard, which currently hosts a flying mission of C-21 passenger aircraft, and the 110th Air Operations Group, which provides critical support to the 17th Air Force, or United States Air Forces Africa; and

Whereas, The units of the 110th Airlift Wing of the Air National Guard have had a history in Battle Creek, Michigan, since 1947; and

Whereas, The 110th Airlift Wing is a tremendous source of civic pride in the greater Battle Creek area, as it has been one of the most decorated Air National Guard units in the nation, receiving the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award in 1992, 1998, 2000, 2004, and 2011, an honor bestowed on fewer than 10 percent of Air Force units annually; and

Whereas, The citizens of Battle Creek have, over the years, committed unmatched support for the Air National Guard in Battle Creek, including in 1984 by a 4 to 1 majority when voters pledged to extend the runway from 7,003 to 10,003 feet to meet the needs of the Air National Guard, in 2006 when the city's economic development authority purchased 74 acres of residentially zoned, vacant property to preclude encroachment, and when Battle Creek proactively contributed resources and sought matching funds for the construction of a new air traffic control tower to address line of sight issues and construct a parallel runway to enhance safety; and

Whereas, The defense industry, including the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base, the Hart-Dole-Inouye Federal Center, and the Fort Custer Army National Guard Base, is integral to the local community, and its components are vital, both as symbols of civic pride and as cornerstones of the local economy; and

Whereas, The defense industry is vital to the economy of the city of Battle Creek, with approximately 3,000 local jobs tied to defense; and

Whereas, The Battle Creek Air National Guard Base contributes \$22.2 million in total wages and salaries and a total of \$26 million in gross regional product to Calhoun County; and

Whereas, More than \$22 million in taxpayer funding has been invested in the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base from 2001 to 2011, \$16.7 million of which represents the federal share and \$5.2 million of which was invested by the state of Michigan. The 110th Airlift Wing has been the recipient of \$477 million in operational funding from 2001 to 2011, including military construction, personnel, and operations and maintenance; and

Whereas, The existing infrastructure and trained personnel at the Battle Creek Air National Guard base are ideally suited to support the C-27J, and the Battle Creek Air National Guard base is second to no other location in the nation for C-27J mission support; and

Whereas, C-27J aircraft based in Southwest Michigan, due to its central location, will provide superior response capabilities in FEMA Region 5 and the region served by the 51st Civil Support Team; and

Whereas, Locating an MQ-19 RSO element at the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base instead of the previously committed C-27J aircraft would result in a loss of approximately 70 jobs with the 110th Airlift Wing; and

Whereas, Delivering neither the four C-27J aircraft or an MQ-19 RSO element to the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base would result in significant harm to the economy of the city of Battle Creek, as well as jeopardizing the significant investments made by the citizens of Michigan and the United States by making the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base vulnerable to future Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) recommendations; and

Whereas, The Battle Creek Air National Guard Base has already been targeted for closure by the BRAC Commission. In 2005, as a result of recommendations by the BRAC

Commission, the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base lost 161 jobs and a squadron of A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft was reassigned to Selfridge Air National Guard Base. The BRAC Commission also considered the closure of the Hart-Dole-Inouye Federal Center in Battle Creek, which houses integral elements of the Defense Logistics Agency of the United States Department of Defense; and

Whereas, The loss of employment positions with the 110th Airlift Wing at the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base would have a significant impact on the local economy; and

Whereas, Any negative impacts on the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base would also have other serious consequences, including potential ramifications for other organizations that utilize W.K. Kellogg Airport, including the Western Michigan University College of Aviation; and

Whereas, The Michigan House of Representatives has already urged the United States Department of Defense to deliver no fewer than four C-27J aircraft to the 110th Airlift Wing of the Air National Guard in Battle Creek; and

Whereas, Any negative impact on the 110th Airlift Wing of the Air National Guard at the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base will have immeasurable consequences for the city of Battle Creek and the state of Michigan, both in terms of economic ramifications, as well as in terms of community pride and disaster readiness: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives*, That we urge the Congress of the United States to reconsider the recommendations of the 2012 United States Air Force Structure Change Report and to deliver no fewer than four C-27J aircraft to the 110th Airlift Wing of the Air National Guard as previously committed or, in the event that such aircraft are not currently available, to deliver an MQ-19 RSO element to the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base until such time as no fewer than four C-27J aircraft become available, and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, United States Secretary of Defense, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-88. A memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Florida urging Congress to repeal the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

### SENATE MEMORIAL NO. 1822

Whereas, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act was enacted on July 30, 2002, in Pub. L. No. 107-204, and

Whereas, the stated purpose of the act is "to protect investors by improving the accuracy and reliability of corporate disclosures made pursuant to the securities laws . . .," and

Whereas, this federal legislation was passed with the best of corrective intentions after the discovery of corporate fraud and accounting scandals that cost investors and retirees billions of dollars, and

Whereas, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, in spite of the good intentions that motivated its passage, has created an extremely complex maze of federal regulations that are costly and damaging to public companies and diminish the companies' ability to compete against foreign financial entities that are not subject to its regulations, and

Whereas, the costs that businesses must bear to comply with the extensive provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act are unnecessary and crippling, disproportionately affecting smaller businesses, and